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## USDA Cooperating Sponsors: You're Invited!

As the application period for FY 2005 approaches, the Foreign Agricultural Service of USDA would like to invite you to a training session scheduled the afternoon before the USDA and USAID Export Food Aid Conference VI in Kansas City, Missouri. This afternoon training session will focus on the USDA food aid programs including Food for Progress, Section 416(b) and the McGovern-Dole International School Feeding and Child Nutrition Program. The session is set for Monday, April 19, 2004, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Truman Room, Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

This training program targets USDA's current and prospective cooperating sponsors. It is our intention to provide the cooperating sponsors with information that will assist in better understanding USDA program implementation and our application processes. While information on the focus, content and direction of the FY 2005 will be presented, the session is meant to be interactive. We welcome questions and discussion.

**Attached to this message is the draft agenda. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Seating is limited so please RSVP via email to [PPDED@USDA.GOV](mailto:PPDED@USDA.GOV).**

**We look forward to seeing you in Kansas City!**

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- 1:00 – 1:15 pm **Welcome and Introduction to the Programs**  
*Mary Chambliss, Deputy Administrator for Export Credits*
- Overview of FY05 Program Levels**  
*Robin Tilsworth, Director, Program Planning, Development & Evaluation Division (PD)*
- 1:15 – 1:45 pm **Food Aid Scope for FY 2005**
- A. Food for Progress**  
*Michele Kouadio, Senior Analyst, Latin America, Caribbean, Africa & Asia Branch, PD*
- B. Section 416(b)**  
*Joseph Merton, Senior Analyst, Europe & Middle East Branch, PD*
- C. McGovern-Dole International Food for Education & Child Nutrition Program**  
*Juli Majernik, Senior Analyst, Latin America, Caribbean, Africa & Asia Branch, PD*
- Questions & Answers**
- 1:45 – 2:15 pm **Applying for Food Aid (Plan of Operation)**  
*Delphine Hamlin, Senior Analyst, Europe & Middle East Branch, PD*
- Questions & Answers**
- Implementation Issues**
- 2:15 – 2:45 pm **Budgets – (negotiations, cash advances, NICRA)**  
*Karen Darden, Senior Analyst, Latin America, Caribbean, Africa & Asia Branch*
- Questions & Answers**
- 2:45 – 3:15 pm **BREAK**
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3:15 – 3:45 pm **Amendments**

*Ron Croushorn, Deputy Director, PD*

**Questions & Answers**

3:45 – 4:45 pm **Reporting, Evaluation and Closeouts**

*Cristina Fundeneanu, Evaluation & Special Projects Branch, PD*

*Babette Gainor, Chief, Evaluation & Special Projects Branch, PD*

**Questions & Answers**

4:45 – 5:00 pm **Questions & Answers**

